A COLLECTION OF PRIVATE FORMS OF PRAYERS

Out of the

Common-Prayer-Book;

To be used in our

PRIVATE DEVOTIONS,

When we have not Opportunity to come to the Publick Service of the Church.

By the AUTHOR of the *Weeks Preparation to the Sacrament.*

Together with the

HOLY FEASTS and FASTS, as they are observed in the Church of *England*, Explained: and Reasons why they are yearly celebrated.

All things whatsoever ye shall ask in Prayer, believing, you shall receive, St. Mat. 21. 22.

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To the READER.

THere being two Collections of Prayers already Publiſhed, it will be thought by ſome needleſs to have a Third; But this being in a different Method from them, it may, I hope, find room as well as thoſe, being out of the ſame Eſtabliſhed Book of Common Prayer.

The Plain Method *of this is as follows*;

First, Some ſhort Rules *for the* Morning.

Then you begin your Devotions *with ſome* Verſes *out of the* Pſalms.

Next, A ſhort Ejaculation.

Then the Confeſſion.

Then a Prayer for Pardon, *out of the* Abſolution.

Next, the Lords Prayer: *and then to give ſome reſt to your* Devotion, *you muſt read the* Pſalms *for the Day,*

Next, You muſt read the

the First Leſſon *out of the* Old Teſtament, *as is appointed for the Day.*

Then you muſt read the Second Leſſon *out of the* New Teſtament, *as is appointed for the Day.*

Next, You muſt confeſs the Holy Chriſtian Faith *in our* Creed. *Then an* Ejaculation,

Then all the Prayers *and* Collects *in their order; and on* Wedneſdays *and* Fridays *you may uſe the* Litany *that is in your Prayers* at Noon.

Then follow the Prayers *for* Noon.

Then the Evening-

Prayers *in the ſame* method *as in the* Morning Prayers.

Then follow the Prayers to be ſaid upon Days *of* Faſting, *and in* time *of* Trouble *or* Anguiſh *of Mind after the commiſſion of* Sin, *Next,*

Prayers *in time of* Sickneſs.

In time of Temptation.

In time of ſudden danger.

For your Children. *Next,*

Some Texts *of* Holy Scriptures *collected out of the* Old and New Teſtament, *to be meditated upon in time of* Trouble,

or

or Anguiſh of Mind *after the commiſſion of* Sin.

The laſt is, *The* Holy Feaſts *and* Faſts, *as they are obſerv'd in the* Church *of* England, *explained; and the Reaſons why they are yearly celebrated.*

Make uſe therefore of theſe private Forms *of* Devotions *daily, and you ſhall (with Gods Bleſſing) ſoon perceive a happy and a heavenly change in your* Souls.

Do but conſider the zeal which Archbiſhop Cranmer, *Biſh.* Ridley, *and Dr.* Taylor (*which were ſome of the* Compilers *of the*

Common Prayer Book *of the* Church *of* England) *and others of the* Holy Martyrs *and* Confessors *in* Q. Mary's *time, expressed for this our* excellent Liturgy, *or* Common Prayer, *before and at the time of their* death; *defending it by their* Disputations, *adorning it by their* Practice, *and sealing it with their* Blood, *are Arguments which ought to recommend it to all the* Sons *of the* Church of England *for ever, and infinitely to be valued beyond all the little whispers and murmurs of Argument*

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pretended againſt it, and when it came out of the Flame, *and was purified in the* Martyrs *Fires, it became a Veſſel of Honour, and uſed in the* Houſe of God *in all the days of Qu.* Elizabeth, *that long* peace *which was the effect of* God's Bleſſing, *and the Reward (as we humbly hope) of an* holy Religion. *Therefore that we may all follow the* example, *and obey the* precept *of our* Bleſſed Saviour, *who appointed a* ſet Form of Prayer, *let us highly eſteem, and conſtantly hold faſt the* Form

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of ſound Words. *And certainly they that profeſs enmity againſt all* Liturgies; *can in no ſenſe obey the* precept *given by him who gave Command, When ye pray, to ſay,* Our Father, *&c.*

Note, That one alone may ſay *We,* and *Our,* and *Us,* as uſually in the *Lords Prayer,* becauſe of the Communion of Saints; ſo that theſe *Prayers* may be uſed in a Family, only adding *We,* for *I.*

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Rules for Morning-Prayer.

IN the Morning, when you first awake, lift up your Eyes to God, and say, What to do when you awake.

I lift up mine Eyes to the Hills, from whence cometh my help. *Pſ.* 121. 1.

O Lord keep me from all Sin

Sin and Danger this day, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake.

Note, But thou when thou prayeſt, enter into thy Cloſet, and when thou haſt ſhut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in ſecret, and thy Father who ſeeth in ſecret, ſhall reward thee openly, St. *Mat.* 6. 6.

Morning Prayer.

In the Cloſet kneeling, ſay,

Pſ. 3. 5. I Laid me down and ſlept, and roſe up again; for thou Lord ſuſtainedſt me.

5. 3. My Voice ſhalt thou hear betimes, O Lord; early in the morning will I direct my Prayer unto thee, and look up.

Pſ. 5. 2. O hearken thou unto the voice

voice of my calling, my King, and my God; for unto thee will I make my Prayer.

Preſerve me, O God: for in thee have I put my truſt. *Pſ.* 16. 1.

The Sacrifices of God are a broken Spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not deſpiſe. *Pſ.* 51. 17.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my Lips. *Pſ.* 141. 3.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my foot-ſteps ſlip not. *Pſ.* 17. 5.

Keep me as the Apple of an Eye; hide me under the ſhadow of thy wings. V. 8.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths. *Pſ.* 5. 3.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me, for thou art the God of my Salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long. V. 4.

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ous dealing wait upon me; for my hope is in thee,

O my Lord, cleanse my hands, and purifie my heart, and I will humble my self in thy sight, and draw nigh, and make my Confession of my Sins unto thee, my God, with a hearty sorrow and a humble hope, begging for pardon at the Throne of Grace.

The Confession.

In the Common Prayer-Book.

ALmighty and most merciful Father, I have erred and strayed from thy ways like a lost sheep; I have followed too much the devices and desires of mine own heart, I have offended against thy holy Laws; I * have left undone those things which I ought to have done, and I have

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have done thoſe things which I ought not to have done; and there is no health in me: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me a miſerable Offender. Spare thou me, O God, which confeſs my faults; reſtore thou me that am penitent; according to thy promiſes declared unto mankind, in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord; and grant, O moſt merciful Father, for his ſake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and ſober Life, to the Glory of thy holy Name, *Amen.*

A Prayer for Pardon.

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who deſireſt not the death of a Sinner, but that he may turn from his wickedneſs and live; and haſt promiſed par- Out of the Abſolution

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don to them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe thy holy Goſpel, of thy mercy I beſeech thee to grant me true Repentance, and thy holy Spirit, that thoſe things may pleaſe thee which I do at this preſent, and the reſt of my Life hereafter may be pure and holy, ſo that at the laſt I may come to thine eternal joy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

The Lords Prayer.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven, Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into tentation, but deliver us

us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever, *Amen.*

O Lord, open thou my lips,

And my mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy praiſe.

O God make ſpeed to ſave me.

O Lord make haſte to help me.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

Allelujah, Praiſe the Lord.

Then ſhall follow the Pſalms to be read for the Day of the Month, except there be proper Pſalms appointed for that Day; and at the end of every Pſalm ſhall be repeated,

Glory

Glory be to the Father, &c. As it was in the, &c.

Then you must read the first Lesson out of the Old Testament, as it is appointed.

Then you must read the second Lesson out of the New Testament, as it is appointed for the Day.

Confess now the holy Christian Faith in our Creed, with Understanding and affectionate Devotion, standing.

The Twelve Articles of the Apostles Creed.

1. I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

2. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

3. Who was conceived by the

the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin *Mary*;

4. Suffered under *Pontius Pilate*; was crucified, dead and buried.

5. He deſcended into Hell, the third day he roſe again from the dead.

6. He aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:

7. From thence he ſhall come to judge the quick and the dead.

8. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt.

9. The Holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints.

10. The Forgiveneſs of Sins.

11. The Reſurreection of the Body.

12. The Life everlaſting, *Amen.*

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Ejaculation.

I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief; and grant a right and a full underſtanding of all theſe Articles of the moſt holy Faith, and Grace to ſquare all the actions of my Life according thereunto, *Amen.*

Devoutly kneeling, ſay,

O Lord, be with my Spirit.

Here may be added the Collect for the laſt Sunday, and ſo every day till next Sunday.

Collect of Morning-Prayer.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and everlaſting God, who ſafely brought me to the beginning of this day, defend me in the ſamewith thy mighty power; and

and grant that this day I may fall into no Sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all my doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

Upon Sundays, Wedneſdays, *and* Fridays, *you may uſe here the Litany, that is in your Prayers at Noon, if you go not to the Publick Service of the Church.*

LOrd, I beſeech thee give me grace to withſt and the (**Temptations* of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil.) and with a pure heart and mind to follow thee the only God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.* 18. Sund. after Trin.

* Here conſider what are thy Temptations, and pray particularly againſt them.

4. Sunday after Epiphany.

O God, who knoweſt us to be ſet in the midſt of ſo many and great dangers, that by reaſon of the frailty of our Nature, we cannot always ſtand upright; grant to me ſuch ſtrength and protection, as may ſupport me in all dangers, and carry me through all Temptations, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

4. Sunday after Eaſt.

O Almighty God, who alone canſt order my unruly Will and Affections, grant, I beſeech thee, that I may love the thing which thou commandeſt, and deſire that which thou doſt promiſe; that ſo among the ſundry and manifold changes of the World, my Heart may ſurely there be fixed, where true Joys are to be found, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

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ALmighty God, who haſt given thine only Son to be unto us both a Sacrifice for Sin, and alſo an Example of godly Life; give me Grace that I may always moſt thankfully receive that his ineſtimable Benefit, and alſo daily endeavour my ſelf to follow the bleſſed ſteps of his moſt holy Life, through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.* 2, Sunday after Eaſt.

ALmighty and everlaſting God, give unto me the increaſe of Faith, Hope, and Charity; And that I may obtain that which thou doſt promiſe, make me to love that which thou doſt command, through Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.* 14. Sund, after Trin.

17. Sunday after Trin.

LOrd of all Power and Might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; graft in my Heart the love of thy Name, increaſe in me true Religion; nouriſh me with all Goodneſs, and of thy great mercy keep me in the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen*,

2. Sunday in Lent.

ALmighty God, who ſeeſt that I have no power of my ſelf to help my ſelf, keep me both outwardly in my Body, and inwardly in my Soul, that I may be defended from all adverſities which may happen to the Body, and from all evil thoughts which may aſſault and hurt my Soul, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord, *Amen*.

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, I beseech thee (for all my Friends and * Relations, and even for mine Enemies) that it may please thee to direct, sanctifie, and govern all our Hearts and Bodies in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments; that through thy most mighty protection both here and ever, we may all be preserved in Body and Soul, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

2d. Prayer after the Commun.

* Here mention Husband, or Wife, Children, or Parents, or any other of your relations.

Laſt Prayer on the 29th. of *May.*

O Lord our God, who upholdeſt and governeſt all things in Heaven and Earth, receive my humble Prayer for our Sovereign Lord and Lady, *&c.* ſet over us by thy Grace and Providence, to be our King and Queen: And ſo together with them, Bleſs the whole Royal Family with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit, that they ever truſting in thy goodneſs, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious, and endleſs favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy life upon Earth, and after death may obtain everlaſting life and glory in the Kingdom of Heaven, by the merits and mediation of Chriſt Jeſus our Lord, who with the Father and Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever

ever one God, world without end, *Amen.*

PRevent me, O Lord, in all my doings with thy moſt gracious favour, and further me with thy continual help, that in all my works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name; and finally, by thy Mercy, may obtain everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.* 4. Prayer after the Commun:

The Bleſſing.

O Lord bleſs me, and keep me this day; O Lord, make thy face to ſhine upon me, and be gracious unto me. O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon me, and give me peace, both now and evermore, *Amen.* Viſitation of the ſick.

Prayer at Noon.

Ps. 55. 18. IN the Evening and Morning, and at Noon-day will I pray, and that inſtantly; and he ſhall hear my Voice.

Ps. 19. 14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be now and ever acceptable in thy ſight, O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.

O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

O God the Holy Ghoſt, proceeding from the Father and the Son have mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

O Holy, Bleſſed and Glorious Trinity, Three Perſons and One God, have mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

From all evil and miſchief from ſin, from the crafts and aſſaults of the Devil, from thy wrath, and from everlaſting damnation,

Good Lord deliver me.

From all blindneſs of heart, from pride, vain glory, and hypocriſie, from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitaneſs,

Good Lord deliver me.

From Fornication, and all other deadly Sin, and from all the deceits of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil,

Good Lord delivtr me.

From Lightning and Tempeſt, from Plague, Peſtilence, and Famine, from Battel and Murther, and from ſudden Death,

Good Lord deliver me.

From all ſedition and privy conſpiracy, from all falſe doctrine and hereſie, from hardneſs of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord deliver me.

That it may pleaſe theeto keep and ſtrengthen in the true worſhipping of thee, in righteouſneſs and Holineſs of life, our Sovereign Lord and Lady,

Lady, &c. our King and Queen, and all the Royal Family,

I beſeech thee to hear me good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to give to all Nations unity, peace, and concord.

I beſeech thee to hear me good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to give me an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy Commandments.

I beſeech thee to hear me good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to bring into the way of Truth, all ſuch as have erred, and are deceived,

I beſeech thee to hear me good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſuccour, help and comfort all that be in danger, neoeſſity, and tribulation.

I beſeech thee to hear me good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to defend and provide for the Fatherleſs Children and Widows, and all that be deſolate and oppreſſed.

I beſeech thee to hear me good Lord.

O Lamb of God that takeſt away the ſins of the World,

Grant me thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the ſins of the World,

Have mercy upon me.

O God, Merciful Father, that deſpiſeſt not the ſighing of a contrite heart, nor the deſire of ſuch as be ſorrowful, mercifully aſſiſt my Prayers that I make before thee in all my troubles and adverſities, whenſoever they oppreſs me; and graciouſly hear me, that thoſe Evils which the craft and ſubtilty of the Devil or Man worketh againſt me, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy Goodneſs they may be diſperſed, ſo that I thy Servant, being hurt by no perſecution, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O Lord, ariſe, help me, and deliver me for thy Names ſake

O God,

O God, I have heard with my ears, and our Fathers have declared unto me, the Noble Works that thou didſt in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, ariſe, help me, and deliver me for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *&c.*

As it was in the beginning, is now, *&c.*

From my Enemies defend me, O Chriſt.

And graciouſly look upon my afflictions.

Pitifully behold the ſorrows of my heart.

And mercifully forgive the ſins of thy Servant.

Favourably with mercy hear my Prayers.

O Son of *David*, have mercy upon me.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear me, O Chriſt.

Graciouſly hear me, O Chriſt, graciouſly hear me, O Lord Chriſt.

O Lord, let thy Mercy be ſhewed upon me.

As I do put my truſt in thee.

I Humbly beſeech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon my infirmities, and for the Glory of thy Names ſake, turn from me all thoſe evils that I moſt righteouſly have deſerved; and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole truſt and confidence in thy Mercy, and evermore ſerve thee in holineſs and pureneſs of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Medi-

Mediator and Advocate, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

22 Sund. after Trin. LOrd, I beſeech thee, keep thy houſhold the Church in continual Godlineſs, that through thy protection it may be free from all adverſities, and devoutly given to ſerve thee in good works to the glory of thy Name thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

Here may be added, if the time require them, theſe Prayers; (*viz.*) For Rain, for fair weather, in the time of dearth and famine, in time of war, in the time of any Plague or Sickneſs.

And theſe Thankſgivings; For rain, for fair weather, for plenty, peace, and victory, for deliverance from the Plague.

At the end of the Com. Ser. ALmighty God, the fountain of all Wiſdom, which knoweſt my neceſſity before I ask, and my ignorance in asking; I beſeech thee to have compaſſion upon my infirmities, and thoſe things which for my blindneſs I dare not ask, vouchſafe to give me, for

for the worthineſs of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

ALmighty God, which haſt promiſed to hear the Petitions of them that ask in thy Sons Name; I beſeech thee mercifully to encline thine ears to me, that have made now my Prayers and Supplications unto thee, and grant, that thoſe things which I have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of my neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer, ſay,

IT is thy Promiſe, O God, to grant whatſoever I ask in thy Sons Name; Lord, thou wilt not perform leſs, becauſe I ask ſo in his words: in his bleſſed

bleſſed Brevity, therefore I ſum and offer up all, and ſay,

Our Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name, &c.

The Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Love of God, and the Fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt be with me now and evermore. *Amen.*

Prayers at Night.

Kneeling, ſay,

HAve mercy upon me, O Lord, that I may ſpeak unto thee; and praiſe thy Name, *Amen.*

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LET my Prayer be ſet forth in thy ſight, as the Incenſe; and th lifting up of my hands be an Evening Sacrifice. *Pſ.*141.2.

I will not ſuffer mine eyes to ſleep, nor my eye-lids to ſlumber, neither the Temples of my head to take any reſt. *Pſ.*132.4.

Until I have lifted up mine eyes unto the Hills, from whence cometh my help. *Pſ.*121.1.

My help cometh even from thee O Lord, who haſt made Heaven and Earth. *V.*2.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed, and ſpieſt out all my ways. *Pſ.*139.2.

For lo there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knoweſt it altogether. *V.*3.

O remember not the ſins and offences of my Youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodneſs. *Pſ.*25.6.

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Pſ. 86. 4. Comfort the ſoul of thy Servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my Soul.

Pſ. 4. 9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my reſt, for it is thou, Lord, only that makeſt me dwell in ſafety.

Pſ. 31. 6. Into thy hands I commend my Spirit; for thou haſt redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth.

Pſ. 13. 3. Conſider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I ſleep not in death.

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Glory

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Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the, &c.

Then you muſt read the firſt Leſſon, as it is appointed, out of the Old Teſtament.

Then you muſt read the ſecond Leſſon out of the New Teſtament, as it is appointed.

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Confeſs now the Holy Chriſtian Faith in our Creed, ſtanding.

The Twelve Articles of the Apoſtles Creed.

1. I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

2. And in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son our Lord,

3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin *Mary*;

4. Suffered under *Pontius Pilate*; was crucified, dead and buried.

5. He deſcended into Hell, the third day he roſe again from the dead.

6. He aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:

7. From

7. From thence he ſhall come to judge the quick and the dead.

8. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt.

9. The Holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints.

10. The Forgiveneſs of Sins.

11. The Reſurrection of the Body.

12. The Life everlaſting, *Amen.*

Ejaculation.

I Believe, O Lord, help my Unbelief; and grant a right and a full underſtanding of all theſe Articles of the moſt holy Chriſtian Faith, and Grace to ſquare all the Actions of my life according thereunto, *Amen.*

Devoutly kneeling, ſay,

O Lord be with my Spirit.

Here

Here may be added the Collect for the laſt Sunday, which is to be uſed till next Sunday every Day.

LIghten my darkneſs, I beſeech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend me from all perils and dangers of this Night, for the Love of thy only Son, my Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.* Collect at Evening-Prayer.

O Lord, who never faileſt to help and govern them whom thou doſt bring up in thy ſtedfaſt fear and love, keep me, I beſeech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make me to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.* 2. Sunday after Trin.

21. Sunday after Trin.

GRant, I beſeech thee, merciful Lord, to thy humble Servant, pardon and peace, that I may be cleanſed from all my ſins, and ſerve thee with a quiet mind, through Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour, *Amen.*

3. Sunday in Lent.

I Beſeech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty deſires of thy humble Servant, and ſtretch forth the right hand of thy Majeſty to be my defence againſt all mine Enemies, through my Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

1. Sunday after Trin

O God, the ſtrength of all them that put their truſt in thee, mercifully accept my Prayers; and becauſe through the weakneſs of my mortal Nature, I can do no good thing without thee, grant me the

the help of thy Grace, that in keeping thy Commandments, I may pleaſe thee, both in will and deed; through Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, I am taught by thy Holy Word, that the Hearts of Kings are in thy Rule and Governance, and that thou doſt diſpoſe and turn them, as it ſeemeth beſt to thy godly wiſdom: I humbly beſeech thee, ſo to diſpoſe and govern the hearts of our Sovereign Lord and Lady our King and Queen; that in all their thoughts, words, and works they may ever ſeek thy Honour and Glory, and ſtudy to preſerve thy People committed to their charge, in wealth, peace and godlineſs: Grant this, O merciful Father, 2*d.* Prayer for the King in the 2*d.* Serv.

for thy dear Sons ſake, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

6. Sunday after Trin. O God, who haſt prepared for them that love thee, ſuch good things as paſs mans underſtanding, pour into my heart ſuch love towards thee, that I, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy Promiſes, which exceed all that I can deſire, through Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

20 Sunday after Trin. O Almighty and moſt merciful God, of thy bountiful Goodneſs keep me, I beſeech thee, from all things that may hurt me; that I being ready both in *Body* and Soul, may chearfully accompliſh thoſe things that thou wouldeſt have d ne, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

Almighty

ALmighty God, Father of all Mercies, I thine unworthy Servant do give thee moſt humble and hearty Thanks for all thy Goodneſs and loving Kindneſs to me, and to all men; I bleſs thee for my Creation, Preſervation, * and all the Bleſſings of this life; but above all, for thine meſtimable Love in redeeming me and all Mankind, by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of Grace, and for the hope of Glory: And I beſeech thee, give me that due ſenſe of all thy Mercies, that my heart may be unfeignedly thankful, and that I may ſhew forth thy Praiſe, not only with my Lips, but in my Life, by giving up my ſelf to thy Service, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all my

The general Thankſgiving.

* Here you may name thoſe Bleſſings which you have received or your Friends and Relatives.

days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt be all Honour and Glory world without end, *Amen.*

The Bleſſing.

THE Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, thy Love O heavenly Father, thy Comfort and Conſolation, O holy and bleſſed Spirit, be with me, and remain with me and mine this Night, and for evermore.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my reſt; for 'tis thou only that makeſt me dwell in ſafety.

Prayers

Prayers to be said upon Days of Fasting and Abstinence, in time of Trouble or Anguish of Mind after the Commission of Sin; after your ordinary Devotion.

Kneeling say,

HEar my Prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; Hearken unto me for thy Truth and Righteousness sake. *Ps.* 143. 1.

And enter not into Judgment with thy Servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. V. 2.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery, that I go mourning all the day long. *Ps.* 38. 6.

Lord be merciful unto me, and heal my Soul; for I have sinned against thee. *Ps.* 41. 4.

Ps 86. 5. Thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Ps. 90 15 Comfort me again now after the time that thou hast plagued me; and for the time wherein I have suffered adversity.

Ps. 118 25. Help me now, O Lord; O Lord, send me now prosperity.

P. 119. 175 O let my Soul live, and it shall praise thee, and thy judgments shall help me.

Ps. 139 23. Try me, O God, and seek he seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

V. 24. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Ps. 51. 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great Goodness, according to the multitude of thy

thy Mercies do away mine offences.

Waſh me throughly from my wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my ſin. *Pſ.* 51. 2.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my ſin is ever before me. *V* 3.

Againſt thee have I ſinned, and done this evil in thy ſight, that thou mighteſt be juſtified in thy ſayings, and clear when thou art judged. *V.* 4.

Turn thy face from my ſins, and put out all my miſdeeds. *V.* 9.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me, *V.* 10.

My miſdeeds prevail againſt me; O be thou merciful unto my ſins. *Pſ.* 65. 3.

For innumerable troubles are come about me; my ſins have taken ſuch hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; yea, they are more in *Pſ* 40. 15.

number than the hairs of my head, and my heart faileth me.

Ps. 51.8. Make me to hear of joy and gladneſs, that the Bones which thou haſt broken may rejoyce.

Ps. 40:14. Withdraw not thy Mercy from me, O Lord, let thy loving kindneſs and thy truth always preſerve me.

v. 16. O Lord, let it be thy pleaſure to deliver me; make haſte O Lord, to help me, *Amen, Amen.*

The Confeſſion.

In the Communion Serv. ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; * I do acknowledge and bewail my manifold ſins and wickedneſs, which I have from time

* Here make thy Confeſſion with all godly ſorrow, for your ſins and failings, and humbly beg pardon for the ſame.

time to time moſt grievouſly committed by thought, word and deed, againſt thy Divine Majeſty; provoking moſt juſtly thy wrath and indignation againſt me. I do earneſtly repent, and am heartily ſorry for theſe my miſdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto me, the burden of them is intolerable: Have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me, moſt merciful Father, for thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, forgive me all that is paſt; and grant that I may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of Life, to the honour and Glory of thy holy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

Out of the Commination Ser.

O Moſt mighty God, and merciful Father, who haſt compaſſion upon all men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made: who wouldeſt not the Death of a Sinner, but that he would rather return from his Sin, and be ſaved; mercifully forgive me my Treſpaſſes, receive and comfort me, who am grieved and wearied with the burden of my ſins: Thy Property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive Sins; Spare me therefore, good Lord; ſpare me whom thou haſt redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy Servant who am vile Earth, and a miſerable Sinner; but ſo turn thine anger from me, who meekly acknowledge my vileneſs, and truly repent me of my faults; and ſo make haſte to

to help me in this world, that I may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

O Lord, I beſeech thee, mercifully to hear my Prayers, and ſpare me, who do now confeſs my ſins unto thee, that I, whoſe Conſcience by Sin is accuſed, by thy merciful Pardon may be abſolved, through Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.* Out of the Commination.

TUrn thou me, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall I be turned; be favourable, O Lord, be favourable unto me, who turn to thee in weeping, faſt- and praying: For thou art a merciful God, full of compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great pity. Thou ſpareſt us when we deſerve puniſhment, and Out of the Commination.

and in thy wrath thinkeſt upon Mercy: Spare me, O good Lord, ſpare me; and let not thy poor Servant be brought to confuſion: Hear me, O Lord, for thy Mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy Mercies look upon me, thro' the merits and mediation of thy Bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

24. Sund. after Trin. O Lord, I beſeech thee, abſolve me from all my Offences, that through thy bountiful goodneſs I may be delivered from the Bands of thoſe Sins which by frailty I have committed. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, my Redeemer, *Amen.*

Grant

GRant, I beſeech thee, merciful Lord, to thy humble Servant pardon and peace, that I may be cleanſed from all my Sins, and ſerve thee with a quiet mind, thro' Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.* 21. Sunp. after Trin.

LOrd, I pray thee, that thy Grace may always prevent and follow me, and make me continually to be given to all good works, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.* 17 Sund. after Trin.

ALmighty God, unto whom all Hearts be open, all Deſires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid, cleanſe the Thoughts of my Heart by the inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnifie thy holy Name, through Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.* Collect in the Communion Serv.

Our

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, *&c.*

Viſitation of the ſick. The Lord bleſs me and keep me.

The Lord make his Face to ſhine upon me, and be gracious unto me.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon me, and give me peace, both now and evermore, *Amen.*

Prayers to be uſed (after your ordinary Devotion) upon ſpecial Occaſions.

In Time of Sickneſs.

Kneeling, ſay,

Pſ. 6. 1. O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chaſten me in thy diſpleaſure.

Have

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my Bones are vexed. *Pſ.* 6. 2.

My Soul alſo is ſore troubled; but, Lord, how long wilt thou puniſh me? *V.* 3.

Turn thee, O Lord, und deliver my Soul, O ſave me for thy mercies ſake. *V.* 4.

Look upon mine ddverſity and miſery; and forgive me all my ſins. *Pſ.* 25. 17.

The Lord comfort me now I lie upon my ſick-bed, make thou all my Bed in my Sickneſs. *Pſ.* 41. 3.

O be thou my help in trouble; for vain is the help of man. *Pſ.* 60. 11.

Haſte thee, O God, to deliver me; make haſte to help me, O Lord. *Pſ.* 70. 1.

Help me, O God of my Salvation, for the glory of thy Name; O deliver me, and be merciful *Pſ.* 79. 9.

merciful unto my ſins for thy Names ſake.

Pſ. 39. 5. Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

*Pſ.*39.13. Hear my Prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears conſider my calling, hold not thy peace at my tears.

v. 14. For I am a ſtranger with thee, and a ſojourner, as all my Fathers were.

v. 15. O ſpare me a little, that I may recover ſtrength before I go hence, and be no more ſeen.

Remember not, Lord, my iniquities, nor the iniquities of my Fore-fathers. Spare me, good Lord, ſpare thy Servant whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious Blood, and be not angry with me for ever.

Let me pray.

Lord have mercy upon me.

Chriſt have mercy upon me.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

℣ Lord ſave thy ſervant.

℟ Which putteth his truſt in thee.

℣ Send me help from thy holy place.

℟ And evermore mightily defend me.

℣ Let the enemy have no advantage of me.

℟ Nor the wicked approach to hurt me.

℣ O Lord, hear my Prayers.

℟ And let my cry come unto thee.

O Lord, look down from Heaven, behold, viſit, and relieve thy ſick ſervant. Look upon me with the eyes of thy mercy, give me comfort

Viſitat. of the Sick.

fort and ſure confidence in thee, defend me from the danger of the enemy, and keep me in perpetual peace and ſafety, through Jeſus Chriſt my bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Confeſſion in the Communion Service.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, maker of all things, Judge of all men; I acknowledg and bewail my manifold ſins and wickedneſs, which I from time to time moſt grievouſly have committed by thought, word, and deed, againſt thy Divine Majeſty, * provoking moſt juſtly thy wrath and indignation againſt me. I do earneſtly repent, and am heartily ſorry for theſe my miſdoings;

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doings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto me; the burden of them is intollerable. Have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me, moſt merciful Father; for thy Son the Lord Jeſus Chriſts ſake, forgive me all that is paſt; and grant, that I may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life to the honour and glory of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Viſitation of the ſick

HEar me, Almighty and moſt merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accuſtomed goodneſs unto me. Sanctifie, I beſeech thee, this thy Fatherly correction to me; that the ſenſe of my weakneſs may add ſtrength to my faith, and ſeriouſneſs to my Repentance: That if it ſhall be thy good pleaſure to reſtore me to my

my former Health, I may lead the reſidue of my life in thy fear, and to thy Glory, or elſe give me grace ſo to take thy Viſitation, that after this painful life ended, I may dwell with thee in life everlaſting, thro' Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour. *Amen.*

The Com. of the Sick

ALmighty everliving God, maker of mankind, who doſt correct thoſe whom thou doſt love, and Chaſtiſe every one whom thou doſt receive; I beſeech thee to have mercy upon me thy ſinful ſervant, who am now Viſited with thy hand; and to grant, that I may take my ſickneſs patiently, and recover my bodily health (if it be thy gracious will) and whenſoever my Soul ſhall depart from my body, grant that it may be without ſpot preſented unto thee, thro

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Jeſus Chriſt my Bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord, I beſeech thee favourably to hear my Prayers; that I, who am juſtly puniſhed for mine offences may be mercifully delivered by thy goodneſs, for the glory of thy Name thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one God, World without end, *Amen.* Septuages. Sunday.

The Bleſſing.

O Lord bleſs me, and keep me, O Lord, make thy face to ſhine upon me, and be gracious unto me. O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenauce upon me and give me peace Viſitat. of the Sick.

peace, both, now and evermore. *Amen.*

The Seven Penitential Pſalms, the 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.

The Seven Pſalms of Thankſgiving, the 8, 30, 34, 103, 111, 138, 145.

Prayers in time of Temptation.

18 Sunday aft. Trin. LOrd, I beſeech thee, grant me grace to withſtand the Temptations of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil, and with pure heart and mind to follow thee, the only God, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

4 Sunday aft Epiph. O God, who knoweſt me to be ſet in the midſt of

of ſo many and great dangers, that by reaſon of the frailty of my nature I cannot always ſtand upright: Grant to me ſuch ſtrength and protection, as may ſupport me in all dangers, and carry me through all Temptations, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

In time of ſudden danger.

ALmighty and Everlaſting God, mercifully look upon my infirmities, and in all my dangers and neceſſities ſtretch forth thy right hand to help and defend me, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.* 3. Sund. after Epiph.

Litany.

From battel and murder, and from ſudden death,
Good Lord deliver me.

For your Children.

Confirmation. DEfend, O Lord, my dear Children, with thy Heavenly Grace, that they may continue thine for ever; and may daily increaſe in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to thine everlaſting Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Bleſſed Lord and Saviour *Amen.*

Some Texts of Holy Scriptures Collected out of the Old and New Teſtament, to be meditated upon in time of Trouble, or Anguiſh of mind after the commiſſion of Sin.

Pſal. 5.1. POnder my words, O Lord: conſider my meditation.

Deut. 4.29, 31. If thou ſhalt ſeek the Lord thy God, thou ſhalt find him, if

if thou ſeek him with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoul, for the Lord thy God is a merciful God, he will not forſake thee, nor deſtroy thee.

O Lord, I will praiſe thee: though thou waſt angry with me, yet thy anger is turned away, and thou comforteſt me. Iſa. 12. 1.

Behold God is my ſalvation: I will truſt, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my ſtrength, and my ſong, he alſo is become my ſalvation. Iſa. 12. 2.

And it ſhall be ſaid in that day, lo, this is our God, we have waited for him, and he will ſave us. Iſa. 25. 9.

For the Lord God will help me, therefore ſhall I not be confounded. Iſa. 50. 7.

He is near that juſtifieth me, who will contend with me: Behold, the Lord will help me, who is he that can condemn me. Iſa. 50. 8, 9.

Isa. 54. 7, 8. For a ſmall moment have I forſaken thee, but with everlaſting kindneſs will I have mercy on thee, ſaith the Lord thy Redeemer.

Isa. 65. 24. Before they call, I will anſwer, and whiles they are yet ſpeaking, I will hear.

Isa. 1. 18. Come now, let us reaſon together, ſaith the Lord: though your ſins be as ſcarlet, they ſhall be as white as ſnow; tho' they be red like crimſon, they ſhall be as wool.

Isa. 43. Fear not, I am with thee: I even I, am he that blotteth out thy tranſgreſſions, for mine own ſake, and will not remember thy ſins.

Isa. 44. 22. I have blotted out thy tranſgreſſions, and as a thick cloud thy ſins, return unto me, for I have redeemed thee.

Isa. 55. 7. Let the wicked forſake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return

turn unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

But if the wicked will turn from all his ſins that he hath committed, and keep all my ſtatutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he ſhall ſurely live, he ſhall not die; all his tranſgreſſions that he hath committed they ſhall not be mentioned unto him; in his righteouſneſs that he hath done he ſhall live. Ezek. 18. 21. 22.

Have I any pleaſure at all that the wicked ſhould die, ſaith the Lord? and not that he ſhould return from his wicked ways and live. Ezek. 33.

As I live, ſaith the Lord God, I have no pleaſure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.

Ezek. 33. Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways, for why will you die, O houſe of Iſrael.

Hoſ. 14. 4. I will heal their backſliding; I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from him.

Joel 2. 13. Rent your hearts and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, ſlow to anger, and of great kindneſs, and repenteth him of the evil.

Mal. 3. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts.

Numb. 14. The Lord is long ſuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and tranſgreſſions.

For the Lord our God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return unto him.

Jer. 9. Thus ſaith the Lord, let not the wiſe man glory in his wiſdom, nor the ſtrong man glo-

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ry in his ſtrength, neither a rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he underſtandeth, and knoweth me: for I am the Lord that ſheweth mercy, judgment and righteouſneſs in the earth; for in theſe things I delight ſaith the Lord.

It is the Lords mercy, that we are not conſumed, becauſe his compaſſions fail not. They are renewed every morning. Lam. 3.

Bleſſed is the man that truſteth in the Lord, and whoſe hope the Lord is. Jer. 17.

The Lord is good unto them that truſt in him: and to the ſoul that ſeeketh him. Lam. 3.

Wherefore is the living man ſorrowful? a man for the puniſhment of his ſins.

Let us ſearch and try our ways and turn again to the Lord,

Jer. 3. Let us lift up our hearts, with our hands unto God in the heavens, we have ſinned and rebelled, therefore thou haſt not ſpared.

Ezek. 11. I will give them a new heart, and I will put a new ſpirit within their bowels; and I will take the ſtony heart out of their bodies, and give them a heart of fleſh that they walk in my ſtatutes, and keep my judgments, and execute them: and they ſhall be my people, and I will be their God.

Hoſ. 6. Come, and let us return to the Lord: for he hath ſpoiled us, and he will heal us: He hath wounded us, and he will bind us up: After two days will he receive us, and in the third day he will raiſe us up, and we ſhall live in his ſight.

Then ſhall we have knowledg, and endeavour our ſelves to know the Lord: His going forth

forth is prepared as the morning, and he ſhall come to us as rain, and as the latter rain unto the earth.

He hath ſhewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do juſtly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Mich. 6. 8.

Seek the Lord all the meek of the earth which have wrought his judgments: Seek righteouſneſs, ſeek lowlineſs, if ſo be you may be hid in the day of the Lords wrath. Zeph. 9.

Behold happy is the man whom God correcteth, therefore deſpiſe not the chaſtiſement of the Almighty: for he maketh ſore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. Job 5. 17, 18.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortreſs, and my deliverer, my God, my ſtrength, in whom Pſal. 18.

I will truſt, my buckler, and the horn of my ſalvation, and my God.

Pſal. 27. The Lord is my light and ſalvation, whom ſhall I fear? the Lord is the ſtrength of my life, of whom ſhall I be afraid? Though an Hoſt ſhould incamp againſt me, my heart ſhall not fear: Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he ſhall ſtrengthen thy heart.

Pſal. 34. The Angel of the Lord incampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.

O taſte and ſee that the Lord is good: Bleſſed is the man that truſteth in him.

The young Lions do lack, and ſuffer hunger, but they that ſeek the Lord, ſhall not want any good thing.

Pſal. 40. The Lord is nigh them that are of a broken heart, and ſaveth ſuch as are of a contrite ſpirit. The

The Lord redeemeth the ſoul of his ſervants, and none of them that truſt in him ſhall be deſolate.

Bleſſed is the man that maketh the Lord his truſt.

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou ſhalt glorifie me. Pſal. 50.

Caſt thy burthen upon the Lord, and he ſhall ſuſtain thee: he ſhall never ſuffer the righteous to be moved. Pſal. 55.

In God have I put my truſt: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. Pſal 56.

The Lord will regard the prayer of the deſtitute, and not deſpiſe their prayer. Pſal. 102. Verſe 17.

As far as the Eaſt is from the weſt; ſo far hath he removed our tranſgreſſions from us. Pſal. 103. Verſ. 12.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him in truth. Pſal. 145. Verſ. 18.

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him, but all the wicked will he destroy.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear, in those that hope in his mercy.

Exod 34. So the Lord passed before his face, and cried, the Lord, the Lord, strong, merciful, and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in goodness, and truth, reserving mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgressions, and sin.

Prov. 1. 7. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledg.

Prov. 8. 17. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Pro. 18. 10. The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth unto it and is safe.

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By humility and fear of the Lord, are riches, honour, and life. Prov. 22. 4.

He that covereth his ſins ſhall not proſper; but whoſo confeſſeth and forſaketh them ſhall have mercy. Pr. 28. 13.

Happy is the man that feareth alway, but he that hardneth his heart, ſhall fall into miſchief. Verſ. 14.

Truſt in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlaſting ſtrength. Iſa. 26. 4.

Return thou backſliding Iſrael, ſaith the Lord, and I will not cauſe my anger to fall upon you, for I am merciful, ſaith the Lord, and will not keep anger for ever. Jer. 3. 12.

Then ſhall you call upon me, and ye ſhall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you, and ye ſhall ſeek me and find me, when you ſhall ſearch for me with all your heart. Jer. 29. 12, 13.

I will

I will forgive their iniquity,
Jer. 31.34. and will remember their ſin no more.

Mich. 7. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneſt iniquity, and paſſeſt by the tranſgreſſions of the remnant of his heritage: He retaineth not anger for ever, becauſe he delighteth in mercy; he will turn again, he will have compaſſion upon us: He will ſubdue our iniquities; and thou wilt put all their ſins into the depth of the Sea.

Nah. 1.7. The Lord is good, a ſtrong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that truſt in him.

Zach. 1.3. Turn ye unto me, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, and I will turn unto you, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts.

Amos 5.4. Seek the Lord, and you ſhall live.

Mark 2.17. They that are whole have no need of the Phyſician but the

the ſick: I came not to call the righteous but ſinners to repentance.

Ask and it ſhall be given you; ſeek, and you ſhall find; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that ſeeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it ſhall be opened. Matth. 7.

Come unto me all ye that are weary, and heavy laden, and I will give you reſt. Mat. 11.28.

All things whatſoever ye ſhall ask in prayer, believing, you ſhall receive. Mat. 21.22.

He that believeth, and is baptized, ſhall be ſaved, but he that believeth not ſhall be damned. Mar. 16.16

God ſo loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son; that whoſoever believeth in him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life: Joh. 3.16.

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v. 18. He that believeth on him is not condemned.

John 5.24. Verily, verily, I ſay unto you, he that heareth my words, and believeth on him that ſent me, hath everlaſting life, and ſhall not come into condemnation; but is paſſed from death to life:

John 6.37. All that the Father giveth me, ſhall come to me, and him that cometh to me, I will in no wiſe caſt out.

Joh. 14.13. Whatſoever you ſhall ask the Father in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son:

v. 14. If you ſhall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 15.7. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye ſhall ask what you will, and it ſhall be done unto you.

v. 16. Ye have not choſen me, but I have choſen you, and ordained

ordained you, that you ſhould bring forth fruit, and that your fruit ſhould remain: That whatſoever you ſhall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Verily, verily, I ſay unto you, whatſoever you ſhall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you: hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and you ſhall receive, that your joy may be full. Joh. 16. 23, 24.

Whoſoever ſhall call upon the name of the Lord, ſhall be ſaved. Act. 2. 21.

God commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet ſinners, Chriſt died for us: much more than being now juſtified by his blood, we ſhall be ſaved from wrath through him; for if when we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God, by the death Rom. 5. 8, 9, 10.

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of his Son: much more being reconciled, we ſhall be ſaved by his Life.

Rom. 8. 1. There is no condemnation to them which are in Chriſt Jeſus, who walk not after the Fleſh, but after the Spirit.

V. 31. What ſhall we ſay to theſe things? If God be for us, who can be againſt us?

V. 32. He that ſpared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all: how ſhall he not with him, alſo freely give us all things.

Rom. 8. 32, 33. Who ſhall lay any thing to the charge of God's Elect? It is God that juſtifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Chriſt that died, yea rather that is riſen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who alſo maketh interceſſion for us.

If thou ſhalt confeſs with thy mouth the Lord Jeſus, and believe in thy heart that God raiſed him from the dead, thou ſhalt be ſaved. Rom. 10. 9.

This is a faithful ſaying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jeſus Chriſt came into the world to ſave ſinners, of whom I am chief. 1 Tim 1. 15.

For this is the Covenant that I will make with the Houſe of *Iſrael*; after thoſe days, ſaith the Lord, I will put my Laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they ſhall be to me a people. Heb. 8. 10.

And they ſhall not teach every man his Neighbour, and every man his Brother, ſaying, know the Lord; for all ſhall know me, from the leaſt to the greateſt: for I will be merciful to their unrighteouſneſs, V. 11, 12.

neſs, and their ſins, and their iniquities will I remember no more.

A Concluſive Prayer.

O Moſt merciful God, the Father of all Comfort and Conſolation; thou that art the ſtrong God, that forgiveſt offences, and paſſeſt by iniquities in penitent ſinners: Incline, O Lord, thine ear and hear, open thy eyes and ſee; behold, O Lord, the words of thine own lips, and the writing of thy own hands, wherein thou haſt promiſed pardon to penitent ſinners; firſt, by thy Prophets, next by the Apoſtles, and by our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who by his ſufferings hath ſatisfied for

for our ſins: And now, good Lord, I humbly beſeech thee, that it will pleaſe thee, to give me faith, and true repentance, which may give me aſſurance of the free pardon of all my ſins, by the paſſion and ſuffering of my Saviour. Lord I have ſinned, and done exceeding wickedly in thy ſight: I acknowledge it, and confeſs before the Throne of thy Grace: But thou, O Lord, according to the riches of thy mercy, and loving kindneſs, haſt promiſed to forgive my offences; yea the more to ſhew the ſtableneſs of thy counſel, thou haſt tyed thy ſelf by an Oath thereunto, *Ezek.* 33. 11. And that which is yet more, thou haſt covenanted, to paſs by iniquities, and to remember my ſins no more. And now, O Lord, regard, I beſeech thee,

thee, thy gracious and free mercy; the Oath of thy Holineſs, behold the words of thine own mouth, the Works and Covenants of thy own hands, ſealed with thy own moſt precious blood, and confirmed by thy Death upon the Croſs, wherein thou haſt promiſed to forgive all my ſins, and my tranſgreſſions: Be it unto me thy ſervant, I beſeech thee, according to thy free promiſe, and according to thy gracious Covenant; O let me feel, I pray thee, the accompliſhment hereof in my ſoul. And as thou haſt written this thy Covenant in thy Word with thy own finger, and ſealed the ſame with thy blood: So gracious Father, vouchſafe to write it in my heart by thy Spirit, and to ſeal it to my Conſcience by thy powerful applying of the ſame

ſame thy Blood thereunto; that it may waſh me from all my ſins and my tranſgreſſions, and ſo create in me that peace of God that paſſeth all underſtanding. Gracious God, thy free offer makes me freely to offer theſe my requeſts unto thy name, and with a full confidence of hope to have acceſs unto the Throne of thy Grace. Knowing that thou, O Lord, that haſt promiſed, art able, and wilt, according to this thy Scripture, and the writing of thy own hands perform the ſame. *Amen.*

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THE HOLY DAYS

Or the HOLY FEASTS and FASTS,

As they are obſerved in the

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EXPLAINED;

And the Reaſons why they are yearly Celebrated.

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HOly Feaſts, or Holy Days of the Church, are God's Honours, high and ſolemn Services dedicated to the heavenly Majeſty, with ſacred Offices erected for his Glory, founded on ſome Acts of his ſingular goodneſs and bleſſing; for which we do religiouſly re-

joyce before him, and triumph in his holy Name.

The beſt Spirits which ever Chriſtendom had, were thoſe ancient and eminent Ones, (whoſe Profeſſion was to contemplate Heaven, and contemn Earth, and their practice and buſineſs to live to God, and die for Chriſt;) theſe Holy Champions of Chriſtian Faith, and high Preſidents of holy Life, they did think, and find it good to appoint and obſerve theſe Holy Days: Of which theſe their Homilies, and Sermons, and Prayers, are their good Evidences, and our great Advantages; and theſe Men were

were alſo ſo high in God's Favour on *Earth*, and are as high in the Glory of *Heaven*.

The Sum of all, what they mean, and is written, comes to this;

The Holy-Dayes *Tune* is to the Angels *Carol*, and the Churches Feaſts, ſeveral exemplications of what the Heavenly Hoſt did ſing, and the Holy doth; *Glory to God on High, on Earth Peace, Good-Will towards Men.*

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THE HOLY DAYS, OR THE Holy FEASTS and FASTS

As they are obſerved in the

Church of England.

Advent-Sunday.

THE *Advent* is that to *Chriſtmas*, which *John Baptiſt* was to *Chriſt*; even a Fore-runner for preparation: And it is called the *Advent*, (which ſignifieth Coming) becauſe the Church did uſually, from that time, until the Nativity, commemorate the ſeveral Comings of Chriſt, and inſtruct the people concerning them; which

Comings, are theſe, and the like; his *Conception*, by which he came into the Virgins womb; his *Nativity*, by which he came (as it were) further into the world; his Coming to preach in his own perſon; his Coming by his Miniſters; his Coming to *Hieruſalem*; the Coming of the Holy Ghoſt; his Spiritual Coming, (which he vouchſafeth) into the hearts of every regenerate Chriſtian; and finally, that laſt Coming of his, which ſhall be unto Judgment, *&c.* All which Comings are comprehended in theſe three; his Coming to Men, into Men, and againſt Men: to Men, by his Incarnation; into Men, by Grace; againſt Men, to Judgment.

Chriſtmas Day.

THis Day is worthily dedicated, to be obſerved, in remembrance of the bleſſed Nativity of our Redeemer Jeſus Chriſt; at which time it pleaſed Almighty God to ſend his only begotten Son into the world for our ſakes, and by an unſpeakable union to joyn in one Perſon, God and Man, without confuſion of Natures,

tures, or poſſibility of Separation: To expreſs therefore our Thankfulneſs, and the Joy we ought to have in this Love of God, there hath been anciently kept, and ſtill is maintained, on this ſeaſon of the Year, a neighbourly, and plentiful Hoſpitality, inviting and (without invitation) receiving unto our well-furniſhed Tables, our Tenants, Neighbours, Friends, and Strangers, to free-hearted kindneſs amongſt us; but moſt of all, to the refreſhing of the Bowels of the poor, being the moſt Chriſtian uſe of ſuch Feſtivals.

Circumciſion, or *New-Years Day*;

(Becauſe it begins the New Year, and minds us of a New Life.)

THE Church ſolemnizeth this Day, commonly called *New-Years-Day*, in memorial of our Saviours Circumciſion; that remembring, how, when he was but eight days old, he began to ſmart, and ſhed his Blood for us, we may praiſe him for the ſame; and that with due

thankfulneſs; conſidering, how eaſie a Sacrament he hath left us inſtead of that bloody one which the Law enjoyned, we might be provoked to bring forth the Fruits of Regeneration.

Epiphany, or *Twelfth-Day*;

(Becauſe the Twelfth from *Chriſtmas*.)

Twelfth-Day, (otherwiſe called the *Epiphany*, or the Day of Manifeſtation) is celebrated by the Church, to the praiſe of God, and in Memorial of that bleſſed, and admirable diſcovery of our Saviour's Birth, which was vouchſafed to the Gentiles, ſhortly after it came to paſs; for as the Shepherds of the *Jews*, were warned thereof, and directed to the place by an Angel from Heaven; ſo the *Magi* of the *Gentiles* received the ſame particular notice of it, by a Star in the Eaſt, that both *Jews* and *Gentiles* might be left inexcuſable, if they came not to his Worſhip. This Day is obſerved alſo, in commemoration of our Saviours Baptiſm, and of his firſt Miracle in *Canaan*, by which he

he was likewiſe manifeſted, to be the Son of God.

The Purification of the Virgin Mary, or *Candlemaſs Day.*

ACcording to the Law of *Moſes*, the Bleſſed Virgin reckoned the Days of Purification, which were to be obſerved after the Birth of a Male-Child; and then (as the Law commanded) preſented both her Son and her appointed Offering in the Temple: Partly therefore in commemoration of that her true Obedience to the Law, and partly in memory of that Preſentation of our Redeemer, which was performed by his Bleſſed Mother at her Purification, this Anniverſary is worthily obſerved.

The first Day of Lent, commonly called *Ash-Wednesday*.

THE Observation of *Lent*, is a profitable Institution of the Church, not abridging the Christian Liberty of Meats, but intended as a Means to help to set the Spirit at liberty from the Flesh; and therefore this Fast consisteth not in a formal forbearance of this or that Food, but in a true mortification of the Body; for meer abstinence from Flesh, more tendeth to the increase of plenty, and well ordering things in the Commonweal, than to a spiritual Discipline; because 'tis apparent, we may over-pamper our selves, as well with one sort of food, as with another. This Fast was appointed, partly, to commemorate our Saviours miraculous Fasting, whereby he satisfied for the gluttony of our first Parents, and (at this season) partly to cool our wanton Blood, which at this time of the year is aptest to be enflamed with evil concupiscence, and partly also to prepare

us to meditate on the Paſſion of our Saviour, and to fit us to receive the bleſſed Sacrament of his laſt Supper, to our great comfort, Which was ever received at *Eaſter*.

The Church begins her Lent-Faſt this Day, *Aſh-Wedneſday*, *Dies Cinerum*; ſo called, from a Ceremony of ſprinkling Aſhes upon their heads, to ſhew, that they deſerved for their ſins to be burnt to Aſhes.

The Annunciation of Mary.

THE Church hath Dedicated this Day to commemorate the Annunciation of the Bleſſed Virgin, who was about this time of the year ſaluted by the Angel *Gabriel*; and we ought to ſanctifie it with praiſing God, for that inexpreſſible Myſtery of our Saviours Conception, which was the happy News the holy Angel brought unto his Mother; nothing in the World is more worthy to be ſpoken of than this Favour, and yet nothing more unſpeakable.

The Sixth Sunday in Lent, or *Palm-Sunday, being the Sunday next before* Eaſter.

Palm-Sunday is ſo called, by reaſon it was upon that Day, in which Jeſus riding to *Jeruſalem* (according to the Prophets) the People ſtrewed the way for him with their garments, and the branches of the Palm-tree; and indeed it was in a manner the day of proclaiming him King; as the *Friday* following was the day of his Coronation. Worthily therefore it is commemorated, and many excellent Myſteries are thereby brought to remembrance; which, but for this Anniverſary moſt would forget, and many perhaps never come to know.

This Week following being the Week before *Eaſter*, is called *The Great Week*; becauſe it has a larger Service than any other Week; or, *The Holy Week*, becauſe it was ſpent wholly in Devotion; and

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The Paſſion Week; becauſe it was ſo to our Saviour: *The Week of Faſts*; becauſe it ought ſo to be to us.

Thurſday before Eaſter; or *Maundy-Thurſday.*

AS upon this Day our Bleſſed Saviour, eating the Paſsover with his Diſciples, inſtituted the bleſſed Sacrament of the Lords Supper, and gave his Mandate to perpetuate the Celebration of it; afterward he waſhed their feet, prayed for them, and for the faithful generation; inſtructed them, warned them of what ſhould come to paſs, both concerning themſelves, and his own Death and Reſurrection, promiſed to ſend them a Comforter, and expreſſed many other excellent things, for the confirmation of their Faith; then departing to a Garden, he, praying, fell into his moſt bitter Agony; which having overcome, he was that night betrayed, and forſaken of all his Diſciples. In Commemoration of which Paſſages, the Church holds this yearly

Aſſembly, that our pious Affections toward our Redeemer, may be ſtirred up, to his Glory, and our Comfort.

Friday before Eaſter; or *Good-Friday*;

THis Day we commemorate the unſufferable Paſſion of Jeſus Chriſt, our Redeemer, who was at this ſeaſon of the Year deſpightfully crucified by *Pilate* and the *Jews*: Every day we ought ſeriouſly to think upon it by our ſelves; but this day we ought to meet about it in the publick Aſſemblies, that we might provoke each other to compunction of heart; to renew the memory of it, and to move thoſe that yet have not taken notice of it, to come along with us to hear the Story of this matchleſs ſorrow, who, for the love of us, took upon himſelf thoſe puniſhments which our wickedneſs deſerved.

This the Church obſerved as a Faſt, not as a Feſtival.

Chriſts

Chriſts Reſurrection, or Eaſter-Day.

THis day is ſolemnized in memorial of our bleſſed Saviours Reſurrection from the dead to life; upon which (as the members with their head,) the Church began her Triumph over Sin, Death, and the Devil, and hath therefore appointed that to record this myſtery, and to ſtir up thankful rejoycings in our hearts, there ſhould be an Annual Commemoration thereof, that we might in charitable Feaſts and Chriſtian gladneſs, expreſs the joy of our hearts to the glory of God, to the comfort of our own Brethren; to the increaſe of Charity one towards another, and to the confirmation of a true joy in our ſelves.

Why is it Eaſter-week? becauſe the Munday and Tueſday in this week were added as attendants upon *Eaſter-Day*, for the honour and more Solemnity of it.

Chriſts

Chriſts Aſcenſion, or *Aſcenſion Day*, or *Holy-Thurſday*,

(Becauſe a day of great Piety and Devotion.)

AFter Jeſus Chriſt was riſen from the Dead to Life, and had many times ſhewed himſelf unto his Diſciples, he was lifted up from among them, and they beheld him aſcending up into Heaven, till a Cloud took him out of their ſight: In memory of which aſcenſion, and to praiſe God for ſo exalting the humane nature, to his own glory, and our advantage, the Church worthily celebrated this day, and hath commended the obſervation thereof to her Children. The time of Chriſts Aſcenſion, was forty days after his Reſurrection.

The Sunday after Aſcenſion, is moſt commonly called the Sunday after Aſcenſion, but anciently *Dominicæ expectationis*.

Pentecoſt,

Pentecoſt, or *Whitſunday*,

(Becauſe fifty days after *Eaſter*.)

AFter our Saviour was aſcended, the fiftieth day of his Reſurrection, and juſt at the *Jews* Feaſt of *Pentecoſt*, the Holy Ghoſt our promiſed Comforter, was ſent down upon the Diſciples aſſembled at *Jeruſalem*, appearing in a viſible form, and miraculouſly filling them with all manner of Spiritual gifts, and knowledge tending to the Divine work they had in hand, whereby they being formerly weak and ſimple men, were immediately enabled to reſiſt all the powers of the Kingdom of Darkneſs, and to lay thoſe ſtrong Foundations upon which the Catholick Church now ſtandeth, both to the glory of God, and our ſafety; in remembrance therefore of that great miraculous myſtery, this day is ſolemnized.

Trinity

Trinity-Sunday.

AFter *Arrius* and other Hereticks, had broached their damnable fancies, whereby the Faith of many concerning the myſtery of the bleſſed *Trinity* was ſhaken, divers good men laboured in the rooting out theſe Peſtilent Opinions. And it was agreed upon by the Church, that ſome particular Sunday in the year, ſhould be dedicated to the memory of the holy *Trinity*, and called *Trinity-Sunday*, that the name might give the people occaſion to enquire after the miſtery. And moreover (that the Paſtor of each ſeveral Congregation might be yearly remembred to treat thereof as neceſſity required,) certain portions of the holy Scripture proper to that end, were appointed to be read publickly that day. In ſome Countries they obſerved this Inſtitution on the Sunday next before the *Advent*, and in other places the Sunday following *Whit-Sunday*, as in the Church of *England*.

Sunday

Sunday in General.

SUnday is our natural appellation, the Sabbath the *Hebrew* Term, and the Lords-day the Chriſtian name, whereby we intitle Gods Seventh day, and (if wilful affection be avoyded,) either name is allowable; it is a portion of time ſanctified by God, immediately after the worlds Creation, and by the Divine Law dedicated to be perpetually obſerved to the honour of our Creator; and though ſomethings accidentally pertinent to the obſervation thereof, hath been changed, yet that which is eſſential thereunto, is for ever immutable. Our Saviour hath by his Reſurrection hallowed for us, that which we now obſerve inſtead of the *Jewiſh* Sabbath, which being the day whereon he reſted in the Grave, the obſervation thereof, and of all other *Jewiſh* Ceremonies, was buried with him becauſe they were but to continue till the accompliſhment of thoſe things, whereof they were Types. This is that day whereon our Re-

Redeemer began as it were his Eternal reſt after he had finiſhed the work of our Redemption, and conquered Death, the laſt that was to be deſtroyed. This day we ought therefore to ſanctify according to Gods firſt Inſtitution, not *Jewiſhly*, (that is) by a ſtrict or mere outward abſtaining from the ſervile work of the body only, according to the Letter; but Chriſtianly (to wit) in Spirit and in Truth, both inwardly and outwardly, ſo recreating our Bodies and Souls, that we may with a ſanctified pleaſure, and (as much as may be) without wearineſs, ſpend that day to the glory of God, according to his command, and the Churches direction. And as to bodily Labours and Exerciſes they are unlawful, except thoſe which (without reſpect of ſenſual or covetous ends) an upright Conſcience ſhall perſuade us that the honour of God, the charity we owe to our Neighbours, or an unfeigned neceſſity requires them to be done.

St. *Andrews-Day.*

THe holy Church celebrateth this day to glorifie God, for that favour which he vouchſafed unto her, by the calling and Miniſtry of the bleſſed *Andrew* his Apoſtle; and that by the remembrance of his readineſs to follow and preach Chriſt, both the honourable and Chriſtian memorial due to an Apoſtle, might be preſerved and we ſtirred up alſo, to the imitation of his forwardneſs, in our ſeveral Callings advancing Gods honour and Goſpel. In which general Senſe, every even the meaneſt Chriſtian hath a kind of Apoſtleſhip, to build up, not only in himſelf, but in others alſo, the Temple of the living God, and to encreaſe and eſtabliſh the Kingdom of Chriſt.

This day begins the order of Service for all other Saints days, becauſe he came firſt to Chriſt out of *John Baptiſts* School. *Joh.* 1. 40. 40.

He was Crucified upon this day. *Anno Dom.* 75.

St.

St. *Thomas Day.*

THis day was ſet apart by the Church, that it might be ſanctified to the praiſe of God, for his holy Apoſtle St. *Thomas*, by whoſe preaching the Chriſtian Generation was multiplied; and that we might ſtrengthen the beleif we have of our Saviours undeniable Reſurrection, by taking a yearly occaſion to refreſh our memories with that part of the Evangelical Story, which mentioneth, both his Apoſtles doubting, and the confirmation of his Faith by a ſenſible demonſtration.

We may note his frailty in doubting, and his Faith in believing.

St. *Stephens Day.*

ST. *Stephen* was one of the ſeven Deacons, mentioned *Acts* 6. and the firſt Martyr

Martyr of Jeſus Chriſt, whoſe truth having powerfully maintained, he conſtantly ſealed it with his blood. The Church therefore hath appointed this anniverſary, in remembrance thereof, that ſo God might perpetually be glorified for the ſame; and the ſtory of his Martyrdom the oftner mentioned, to the encouragement and direction of other men in their Tryals.

St. *John the Evangeliſt.*

THis day is celebrated by the Church, to praiſe God, for his bleſſed Evangeliſt and beloved Diſciple St. *John*, who hath been an admirable inſtrument of his glory, and the Churches Inſtruction, for the myſtery of the Sacred *Trinity*, and the Divinity of Chriſt, is by him moſt plainly expreſſed in his Writings, amongſt many other great myſteries, and excellent Doctrines concerning our Redemption, for

for which we are bound particularly to honour God, and are worthily ſtirred up thereto, by this annual commemoration.

He was a Martyr in will, for he was put into a Caldron of hot Oyl before *Port-Latin* in *Rome*, *Anno Dom.* 91.

Innocents-Day.

KIng *Herod* underſtanding that a King of the *Jews* was born in *Bethlehem-Juda*, and fearing that by him he might be depoſed, he murthered all the young Infants of that Country, in hope among them to have ſlain Jeſus Chriſt. But he was ſent into *Ægypt* by Gods ſpecial appointment, and ſo the Tyrants fury proved vain. In honour therefore of the Almighties providence, the Church celebrateth this day, to put us in mind alſo how vainly the Devil and his members rage againſt Gods Decree; and that the cruel Slaughter of theſe Infants may never be forgotten, which in a large ſenſe may be called a Martyrdom, as in the generality of

of the cauſe (being for Chriſt) and in the paſſion of the body, though not in the intention of the mind; and ſo in proper ſenſe doth St. *Stephen* hold ſtill the place of the firſt Captain of that band.

The Converſion of St. *Paul.*

ST. *Paul* (as appears *Acts* 9.) having been a great perſecuter of the Chriſtian Faith, before his Converſion, was extraordinarily called to embrace the ſame Profeſſion, even as he proceeded in a Journey purpoſely undertaken to ſuppreſs the Truth, and ſo of a Wolf, became afterwards a Paſtor, and the moſt laborious Preacher of Jeſus Chriſt. Which mercy of God that we may ſtill remember, to the praiſe of his name and our own comfort, sthe Church hath appointed a yearly commemoration thereof.

The Converſion of St. *Paul*, celebrated rather than his Martyrdom.

1. For the example of it.

2 For

2. For the joy and benefit the Church reaped by it.

3. For the miracle of it.

He was Martyrd *June* the 29th.

St. *Matthias* Day.

Matthias was the Diſciple, which was choſen in the room of *Judas Iſcariot*, and his Anniverſary is commanded to be obſerved, that it might give us continued occaſion to praiſe God for his Juſtice, and favour; for his Juſtice ſhewed in diſcovering, and not ſparing *Judas* the Traytor, abuſing his Apoſtleſhip; for his favour declared in electing *Matthias* a faithful Paſtor of the Church; moreover the remembrance of divers other myſteries are renewed, by the obſervation of this day. And by taking occaſion to read publickly the Story of *Judas* his Apoſtacy, men are that day put in mind to conſider, what Judgments hang over their heads who ſhall abuſe the Divine callings.

St.

St. Marks *Day.*

ST. *Mark*, being one of the Four Bleſſed Evangeliſts, by whoſe Pen the Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt was recorded, this Day is purpoſely appointed to praiſe God for thoſe glad Tidings he brought, and that we might honour him alſo with ſuch a Chriſtian Memorial as becometh the Ambaſſador of ſo great a King as our Saviour; which Civil Honour, due to the Saints of God, it is hoped none will deny them, nor conceive ſuch Inſtitutions ſuperſtitious, or to have been purpoſed to an Idolatrous End.

He penned the Goſpel of St. *Peter*, was the firſt Biſhop of *Alexandria*, where he was Martyred. *Euſeb. Hiſt. l.* 2. *c.* 14.

St.

St. Philip *and* Jacob; *vulgarly called* May-Day.

THis Day is Celebrated to the Honour of God, and the Chriſtian Memorial of the two Bleſſed Apoſtles *Philip* and *Jacob:* At which time the Church taketh occaſion to offer to our remembrance, ſuch Myſteries as Chriſt delivered to them, that we might the oftner conſider them, receive further Inſtruction concerning them, and praiſe God, both for ſuch his Favours, and for thoſe Inſtruments of his Glory.

St. *Barnabas day.*

THis day is ſolemnized in Commemoration of St. *Barnabas,* a faithful Diſciple of Jeſus Chriſt, and to honour God for the benefit vouchſafed to the Church by his Miniſtry, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Ghoſt, and of Faith, as St.

St. *Luke* teſtifieth, *Acts* 11. 24. He was alſo by the Holy Ghoſts immediate appointment (together with St. Paul) ſeparated for the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, and confirmed in the Apoſtleſhip by the laying on of Hands; *Acts* 13. 2.

St. *John Baptiſt.*

JOhn called the *Baptiſt*, was he (as Chriſt himſelf teſtifieth) who was promiſed to be ſent before him, to prepare his way *Luke* 7. 27. and by his Preaching and Baptiſm, the people were accordingly prepared, to receive him that was to follow; he was the true expected *Elias*, and ſlain by *Herod*, for reproaching the Inceſt, which *Herod* committed, in taking his Brothers Wife; that we might praiſe God therefore for this forerunner of our Saviour, and by his example remember to provide for his entertainment, the Church hath ſet apart this day.

Why the Church Celebrates his Birth, and our Saviours.

1. Becauſe both full of joy, St. *Luke* 1. 58. 2. 10.

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2. Becauſe both full of myſtery, St. *Luke* 1. 18, 34.

3. Becauſe he was Chriſt's Fore-runner in every reſpect, St. *Matth.* 3. 3.

1. In his wondrous Conception.
2. In his Life of Auſterities.
3. In his Death.

St. *Peters day.*

WE obſerve this day to the honour of God, and to the pious memory of his bleſſed Apoſtle, St. *Peter*, that we may be thereby put in mind to be thankful, for thoſe continued favours received by his miniſtry; that Paſtors alſo may make him their pattern, in diſcharging the charge Chriſt committeth unto them; that by conſidering his weakneſs, we may all learn not to preſume on our own ſtrength, and that by his Chriſtian example we may be taught to bewail our falls, with bitter Tears of true Repentance.

St. *Peter* was upon this day Crucified at *Rome* with his Head downward, at the Command of *Nero*.

St. *James's Day.*

THis day we praiſe God for his bleſſed Apoſtle St. *James*, who was one of thoſe two that deſired of Chriſt they might ſit at his right hand, and at his left hand, in his Kingdom; as the Goſpel for the day declareth: And by occaſion of that ignorant Petition, (proceeding from their Carnal weakneſs) Chriſt taught both them and the reſt of the Apoſtles, and all other Chriſtians alſo, what greatneſs beſt becometh his followers; and that we are to taſte the Cup of his Paſſion before we can be glorified with him: So this Holy Apoſtle did; for he was ſlain by *Herod*; as it is declared in the Epiſtle appointed for the Day.

St, *Bartholomew.*

THis Day is consecrated to the honour of God, and the pious memory of his blessed Apostle St. *Bartholomew*, that (as it appeareth in the Epistle appointed for the Day) we might take occasion to praise our Redeemer, for those many wonders which were wrought by his Apostles, to the great increase of the Christian Faith, and open confusion of the Churches Adversaries.

St. *Bartholomew* had his Skin flay'd off alive, and so tormented to death upon this Day, *Anno Dom.* 73.

St. *Matthew.*

ST. *Matthew*, otherwise called *Levi*, was a Publican (that is a Custom-gatherer) from which course of Life, being hateful in

in thoſe Countries, he was called to the Apoſtleſhip; and became alſo one of the four Evangeliſts: To his religious memory therefore, and to honour God for the favour vouchſafed both to him and us, by his Miniſtry, this Day is obſerved by the Churches Authority.

He was Martyred upon this Day.

St. *Michael and all Angels.*

THis Day we glorifie God for the Victory St. *Michael* and his Angels obtained over the Dragon, and his Angels; whereby the Church is freed from being prevailed againſt by the furious Attempts or malicious Accuſations of the Devil. This Commemoration is appointed alſo to mind us, thankfully to acknowledge Gods Mercy towards us in that daily Miniſtry of his Angels which we have, who are ſaid to pitch their Tents about his Children, and to defend them from the temptations and miſchievous practices of evil Spirits, watching every moment ad-

vantages to deſtroy them: which, if we oftner conſidered, and how there be Armies of Angels and Devils, night and day fighting for us, and round about us, we would become more careful, how we grieved thoſe Spirits (who attend us for our ſafety) to the rejoycing of them that ſeek our deſtruction. By St. *Michael*, who was Prince of the good Angels (and termed by St. *Jude*, an Archangel) ſome underſtood Jeſus Chriſt; for he is indeed the principal Meſſenger or Angel of our Salvation, and the chief of the Princes, as holy *Daniel* calleth him; yea, to him alone, this Name *Michael* [which ſignifieth, who is like God] doth moſt properly appertain, ſeeing he only is the perfect Image of his Father.

St.

St. *Luke.*

THis Day we memorize the Benefit the Church received by the Bleſſed Evangeliſt St. *Luke*, a Phyſician both for Soul and Body, and the firſt Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtoriographer; for he was Author not only of that Goſpel which beareth his Name, but alſo of that Book called, *The Acts of the Apoſtles*; and an Eye-witneſs of moſt part of that which he hath written, remaining a conſtant Companion of St. *Paul*, in his Tribulations: Worthily therefore ought we to honour him with a Chriſtian Memorial, and praiſe God for the Grace vouchſafed us by his means.

St. *Simon* and *Jude*.

THis day is dedicated to the praiſe of God, and the pious memory of the two bleſſed Apoſtles of Jeſus Chriſt, *Simon* called *Zelotes*, or the Canaanite, and *Jude* the Brother of *James*, and in this Solemnity we are among other things, principally put in mind of that love which Chriſt commandeth to be continued among us, and of that heed we ought to have unto our abiding in that ſtate of grace whereunto God hath called us, as appeareth in the Epiſtle and Goſpel appointed for the day.

It is to be obſerved on this very day whereon St. *Jude* was Beheaded, St. *Simon* was Crucified.

All-Saints Day.

THis day the Church hath appointed that to the praiſe of God and our comfort, we ſhould commemorate that excellent myſtery of the Communion of Saints (which is one of the twelve Articles of the Chriſtian Beleif,) and that (conſidering how admirably the Divine wiſdom hath knit all the Elect into one body, for the more perfect enjoyment both of his Love, and the love of one another;) we might here receive a taſt of the pleaſure we ſhall have in the full fruition of that felicity, and be ſtirred up alſo, to ſuch mutual Love and Amity, as ought to be between us in this Life, this is the laſt Saints day in the Eccleſiaſtical Circuite of the Year, generally obſervable, by the ancient Ordinance of the Church, and it ſeemeth to have a myſtery in it, ſhewing that when the circle of the time is come about, we ſhall in one everlaſting Holy-day, honour that bleſſed Communion, and myſtical Body, which ſhall be made

made perfect, when all these (whom we have commemorated apart) shall be United into one; (that is,) when the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost; the Angels, and all the holy Elect of God, shall be incorporated into a joyful, unspeakable, and inseparable Union, in the Kingdom of Heaven, which the Almighty hasten, *Amen.*

Rogation Week.

THis is called Rogation week, being so termed by Antiquity, *arogando*, from the publick Supplications; for then the Littany which is full of humble petitions and intreaties, was with solemn processions usually repeated, because there be about that Season, most occasions of publick Prayer, in regard, Princes do then go forth to Battel; the Fruits, and hopes of Plenty, is then in the Blossom; the Air is most subject to Contagions and Infections; and then is most Labouring and Travelling, both by Land and Sea also, from that time of the year forward.

Which

Which laudable cuſtom (though it be lately much decayed, and in ſome Countries, much abuſed from the right end, and mingled with ſuperſtitious Ceremonies,) is in many places orderly retained, according as the Church of *England* approveth it. And we yearly make uſe alſo of thoſe Proceſſions, to keep knowledge of the true Bounds of our ſeveral Pariſhes, for avoyding of Strife; and alſo that we might be the more provoked, to praiſe God, for his bleſſing upon the Fruits of the Earth.

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